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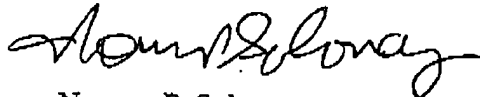
REMARKS

Art rejected claims 1-10 and 13-21 have been canceled, thus rendering moot the several art rejections raised by the Examiner, and leaving only claims 22-37, which have been indicated as allowed.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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